

Columbia, S. C., April 13th, 1892.

The collection of money for the relief of the widows and children of the seven negroes lynched in Barnwell County, S. C., Dec. 28th, 1889, was closed when the fund reached the sum of \$2,021.68.

There have been delays and difficulties, both unavoidable and unforeseen, in administering this fund. Some of the principal contributors were opposed to any investments being made in Barnwell County; some of the beneficiaries were unwilling to leave the County, while others were opposed to remaining there. Five of the widows again married, and their changed situation brought further embarrassment. I selected a farm in Beaufort County, favorably situated in regard to health, school and church advantages, with a view of building houses and establishing a colony. This plan had to be abandoned because some of the widows objected to living there.

I am seeking for a tract of land which will be suitable and satisfactory, but up to this time have not found a location that in price, size and situation seems adapted to the object.

The plan of using the fund to educate the children, as well as to build a memorial school house and provide a teacher, was also contemplated, but this failed to give general satisfaction.

These complications have prevented the expenditure of the fund. As REV. E. N. JOYNER and REV. M. G. JOHNSON have consented to act with me as Trustees, I have transferred the unexpended balance, which has been on deposit in the Loan and Exchange Bank of this city, to their hands. The many articles of clothing donated have been distributed, and one family has been moved to the neighborhood of Eastover, S. C.

The following is a statement of receipts and expenditures:

Amount raised by appeal	\$2,021.68	
Amount Expended—		
Mortgage on Mrs. Ann Winters's house	\$ 140.00	
Mortgage released on Mrs. Adams's house	100.00	
Balance on mortgage Mrs. Adams's house	39.25	
New room on Mrs. Adams's house	75.00	
Mrs. Nixon, for Rena Bell, &c	23.70	
Account of moving, clothing, &c., Rena Bell	17.00	
Retained by Rev. J. C. Daniels and Rev. J. H. M. Pollard	72.00	
Expenses of traveling, express, freight, postage, &c., contributed by Mrs. Brayton	50.00	516.95
Balance on deposit Loan and Exchange Bank	\$1,504.73	

HELEN C. BRAYTON.

We, the undersigned, having agreed to act with MRS. HELEN C. BRAYTON as joint Trustees in administering the Barnwell Widows' Fund, have examined her accounts and find the amount expended accompanied by vouchers to be \$516.95, and that the balance of \$1,504.73 is on deposit in the Loan and Exchange Bank of this city.

EDMUND N. JOYNER,
Archdeacon of South Carolina, &c.
M. G. JOHNSON,
Pastor Ladson Presbyterian Church.

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